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The benefits of education and of useful knowledge, generally diffused through a community, are essential to the preservation of a free government.

Sam Houston.

Cultivated mind is the guardian genius of democracy. . . . It is the only dictator that freemen acknowledge and the only security that freemen desire.

President Mirabeau B. Lamar.

It is only out of the contest of facts and brains that the right can ever be evolved—only on the anvil of discussion can the spark of truth be struck out.

Joseph H. Choate.

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ATHLETIC RULES OF THE UNIVERSITY INTER-SCHOLASTIC LEAGUE.

I.

ELIGIBILITY RULES.

RULE 1. *Age Limit*.—No one shall take part in any contest in this League who, on the first day of the preceding September, has passed his or her twenty-first birthday.

RULE 2. *Undergraduates Only*.—No one shall take part in any contest in this League who has graduated from his school or other school of equal or higher rank; *except*, a student who has graduated from a second class or a third class high school, according to the classification of the State Department of Education, and returns the next year to take the advanced work in a school of higher class, shall not be considered ineligible under this rule if he is an undergraduate in said school.

RULE 3. *Scholarship Requirement*.—No one shall take part in any contest in this League who, at the time of the contest, is not taking at least four studies, each of which requires 180 minutes devoted to recitation each week, and who is not making a passing grade in at least three such studies; *Provided*, that a pupil in a grade below the high school shall be considered as fulfilling the scholarship requirement if he is taking a total of 720 minutes of recitation work each week and is passing in at least three-fourths of such work, and *provided further*, that in a school where the regular amount of recitation work per pupil is less than 720 minutes of work per week, a student may satisfy the requirements of this rule if such pupil is taking the regular amount of recitation work and passing in three-fourths of the same.

NOTE.—A contestant must pass in his work up to the time of the particular contest in each case. The last report of a pupil shall be taken as determining eligibility under this rule.

RULE 4. *Previous Scholarship*.—No one shall take part in any athletic contest in this League who did not pass in at least three regular studies during the last term in which he or she attended school.

NOTE.—By “term” is meant a division of the school session, as “fall term,” “winter term,” etc. If a school session at a given school is not divided into terms, the average grade of the pupil for the last three months shall be considered in determining eligibility under this rule. If a pupil did not make a passing grade in the spring term, he is ineligible for any athletic contest during the fall term following. If a student makes up in a summer session the course or courses he failed in during the spring term, his ineligibility under this rule would be removed.

RULE 5. *College Contestants Barred.*—No one shall take part in any contest in this League who, either as a substitute or as a regular, ever represented a college in any contest.

RULE 6. *Day Students Only.*—The studies required to be taken according to Rule 3 above shall be taken during the day session of school.

RULE 7. *Attendance.*—No one shall take part in any contest in this League, who, at the time of the contest, has not been a *bona fide* regular attendant at his or her school since the beginning of the third week of the school session or for thirty calendar days immediately preceding the contests; *except*, absence on account of sickness or other unavoidable cause for not over one week shall not render a pupil ineligible under this rule provided such cause for absence is certified to by the parent or guardian.

RULE 8. *Four-Year Rule.*—No one shall take part in any athletic contest in this League who has participated in either academy or high school athletics, or both, for four years.

RULE 9. *Amateurs Only.*—No one shall take part in any contest in this League who has ever competed for money or other valuable consideration, or who has ever been engaged as a speaker or as an athlete for money or other valuable consideration, or who has ever taught or assisted in teaching public speaking or athletics for money or other valuable consideration. No one shall take part in any baseball game in this League who has ever participated in a game in a regularly organized league.

RULE 10. *Contestants Below High School.*—A student in a grade below the high school may not represent the high school in athletics unless he or she is under eighteen years of age. In case a grammar school pupil plays on a high school team, the

number of years such pupil plays as a grammar school pupil shall be taken as part of the maximum of four years in which a contestant may represent a high school.

RULE 11. *Certification of Eligibility.*—Before each game or contest in this League, each school shall file with the director in charge and upon demand shall furnish to the manager of an opposing team a list of the contestants representing that school, with the eligibility of such contestants certified to by the principal or superintendent.

NOTE.—Principals are urged to see that this rule, as well as the others, are enforced. Blanks for certification of eligibility may be obtained from the University Director of Interscholastic Athletics.

RULE 12. *Suspension for Infraction.*—Any school that violates any of the eligibility rules of this League shall be suspended from further competition that year in the contest under consideration. Should the director consider the offense to be of such character as to merit further punishment, he shall lay the facts before the State Executive Committee, who shall assess such additional punishment as may seem just.

RULE 13. *May not Play Suspended Teams.*—No school in this League shall allow its team to engage in a contest with the members or team of any school suspended for infraction of the eligibility rules of the League, and any school violating this rule shall be subjected to the same punishment as was assessed against the school with which it contested.

RULE 14. *Penalty for Violation of Contract.*—A written contract should be made for each athletic game between members of this League. The official form for such contract shall be the same as the one given on page 31 of this bulletin. Failure to observe the terms of such written contract shall subject a school to the same punishment as specified in Rule 12 above.

II.

CLASSIFICATION OF SCHOOLS AND DIVISIONS.

1. *Academy Division.*—Academies may compete with public schools in the county, district, and State contest in tennis, but

in other athletic contests academies are in a division by themselves.

2. *Class A and Class B Divisions.*—Class A Division is the unlimited division, in which all public schools are eligible to compete. Class B Division includes only those schools which are not in cities having a scholastic population of 600 or over according to the last official census. A Class B school may enter both Class B and Class A contests if it chooses.

3. *Junior Division.*—Any boy in any school in the League who, on the first day of the preceding September was under fifteen years of age, is eligible to the Junior Division. Any girl who was under fourteen on the first day of the preceding September, is eligible to the Junior division.

4. *Must Represent His School Only.*—A pupil may not represent any other school in any contest except the school to which he belongs. Thus, a member of a junior high school may not represent a senior high school, nor may a boy from one school in a given city or county compete on the team of any other school in that city or county.

III.

ATHLETIC CONTESTS HELD BY THE LEAGUE.

1. In each county where the League is organized, there shall be held between March 1 and April 10, annually, a county track and field meet, a tennis contest in doubles for boys, and such basket ball and baseball contests as may be arranged by the county executive committee. Unless otherwise published and announced at least two months in advance by the committee, the county track meet and tennis contest shall be at the same time and place as the final county contests in debate, declamation, spelling, etc. In the county track meet, there shall be a girls' division, Junior and Senior; a Junior Boys' Division, and Class A and Class B High School Divisions unless it should be agreed among the schools concerned that Class A and Class B schools are to compete in one class. The tennis contest does not count as one of the events in the track meet, and no points shall be allowed in tennis except where the all-round championship is being determined. (See Constitution of the League, Article XIII.)

2. In each district there shall be held, annually, a tennis contest in doubles among the county winners. The district executive committee may also provide for a district track meet and baseball, basket ball, and football contests. The district tennis contest must be held between April 14 and 24.

3. On the first Friday and Saturday after the first Monday in May each year, there shall be held the annual State championship track and field meet and tennis tournament at the University of Texas. Any school in the League may enter a team of not over eight men in the State track meet, but rebate on railroad fare, to such extent as the State Executive Committee may determine and subject to correction each year in the annual Constitution and Rules, shall be allowed only to the following:

(a) Each contestant in Class A and Class B divisions who won first place in any event where there was competition, in a county meet having 25 contestants in the high school divisions, or in a county meet with at least three schools represented in the high school division.

(b) Where a given school has no competition in the county meet, each man winning a first place in a district meet will receive rebate.

(c) Where a given school has no competition in the county meet, such school may qualify men, to a maximum of five, for rebate by certification by the principal that each man has practised faithfully and has made the minimum records in at least two of the following events:

100-yard dash, 11 sec.; 220-yard dash, 25 sec.; 120-yard low hurdle, 16 sec.; 220-yard hurdle, 30 sec.; 440-yard dash, 57 sec.; 880-yard run, 2 min., 18 sec.; mile run, 5 min.; pole vault, 9 ft., 4 in.; broad jump 19 ft.; high jump, 5 ft., 2 in.; 12-pound shot put, 38 ft.; 12-pound hammer throw, 120 ft.; discus throw, 94 ft.

(d) Should the maximum number of rebates fixed by the State Executive Committee not be reached by the number of applications of those who have qualified under (a), (b), and (c) above, then rebate shall be granted to those who have won two second places in the county and district meets, until the maximum is reached.

RULES IN FOOTBALL.

1. *Eligibility.*—In all football games between members of this League, the eligibility rules laid down in Article I of this bulletin shall be strictly observed.

2. *Schedule.*—In each district there should be a meeting of representatives of the schools interested in the football contest, to arrange a schedule and adopt such other provisions as may be necessary to meet local conditions. This meeting should be called by the district athletic director, in case there is no other duly authorized body to call such meeting, and should be called for the earliest practicable time.

3. *Number of Games.*—Not more than six games shall be considered in determining the district championship, but no team shall be considered for the district championship unless such team has played at least four games with other teams in such contest.

4. *Officials.*—Unless otherwise agreed upon, the referee and head lineman shall be selected by the school on whose grounds the game is played, and the umpire shall be selected by the visiting team; *provided*, that in no case shall a coach or other person connected with either team be an official except with the consent of the other team.

5. *Protests.*—A protest must be made in writing to the director in charge within twenty-four hours after a game is played, except that a protest based upon the alleged ineligibility of a player may be made at any time during the football season, provided it is made immediately upon discovery of the facts on which the protest is made. By agreement the athletic director of the county or district, as the case may be, may decide a protested point: otherwise the county or district executive committee, as the case may be, shall render the decision.

V.

RULES IN BASEBALL.

1. *Eligibility.*—The eligibility rules laid down in Article I of this bulletin shall be strictly observed in all baseball games between members of this League, and in addition, the

following rule shall be enforced: No one shall take part in any baseball game between members of this League who has ever taken part in a game as a member of a team in a regularly organized professional league.

2. *Schedule*.—(Same as Rule 2 for football.)

3. *Number of Games*.—In determining a county or district championship, not more than eight nor fewer than six games shall be considered. No games shall be considered which are not played with other teams in such contest.

4. *Officials*.—The umpire shall be selected by the school on whose grounds the game is played, provided, that no coach or other person connected with such team shall act as umpire without the consent of the other team.

5. *Forfeiture of Game*.—In case of willful violation of any of the eligibility rules of this League, the game in which such violation occurred shall be awarded to the team which did not violate said rules. The team violating the rules shall, in addition, be suspended from further participation in the baseball games of this League during the remainder of the season.

6. *Protests*.—(Same as No. 5 for football.)

VI.

RULES IN BASKET BALL.

1. *Rules*.—All basket ball games played between members of this League shall be played by the Official Basket Ball Rules published in the Spalding Athletic Library. (American Sports Publishing Co., 1 Madison Ave., New York, 10 cents.)

2. *Eligibility*.—(See Article I in Rules of this League as printed in this bulletin.)

3. *Schedule*.—(Same as No. 2 in Rules for Football.)

4. *Number of Games for District Championship*.—Not more than eight games played by a given team shall be considered in determining the district championship, nor shall a team be eligible to be considered for the district championship that has not played at least four games with at least three other teams in such contest.

5. *County Basket Ball Contest*.—The schedule for the county basket ball championship contest shall be made by the representa-

tives of the schools concerned or by a committee designated by them, provided, that not more than two teams in a given basket ball contest shall be allowed to play at the final county meeting of the League. The county athletic director shall call a meeting of representatives of the schools interested in basket ball, at the earliest practicable time. If at all possible, this meeting should be at the time of the Teachers' Institute. At such meeting, the following matters should be determined: (a) Shall both Senior and Junior contests be held? Both boys' and girls' contests? (b) When shall the first championship game be played? i. e., what shall be the earliest date for official games in the championship contest? (c) What shall be the method of determining the championship—the percentage method, or the elimination method? (d) What shall be the minimum number of games and the minimum number of teams that each team must play? (e) What prizes shall be given the winners? If possible, a complete schedule should be made out at this meeting. It will usually be found advisable to divide the county into four or more districts and after the district championships have been determined, to let the winners play the semi-finals at a centrally located place, about one week in advance of the final county contests in debate, declamation, spelling, etc. Or, where so many events cannot be well handled together, let both the semi-finals and the finals in the basket ball contest be played a week earlier than the county meeting of the League.

6. *Protests*.—A protest must be made in writing to the athletic director in charge, within 24 hours after a game is played. The athletic director may, by agreement by both sides, render a decision; otherwise the case shall be decided by the county or district executive committee. No protest shall be considered which does not contain evidence to support the charges made.

VII.

RULES IN TENNIS.

1. *Eligibility*.—The eligibility rules laid down in Article VII of the Constitution of this League shall be strictly observed in all tennis contests in this League.

2. *County Contest*.—Each school in the League may enter a

team in the county contest in doubles, to be held at the time of the annual meeting of the League.

3. The winning team in each county contest may enter the district contest, to be held at the time and place of the annual district meeting of the League.

4. Each winning team in the district contests may enter the final State contest, to be held at the University of Texas on the first Friday and Saturday after the first Monday in May.

5. *Number of Sets.*—In all preliminary matches, in the county, district, and State contests, the best two out of three sets shall determine the winners, but in all final matches the best three out of five sets shall determine the winners.

6. It shall be the duty of each team desiring to enter the county contest to so notify the county athletic director, giving names of the players and a certificate of their eligibility signed by the principal or superintendent, at least one week before the time of such contest. Furthermore, each winning team in a county or district contest shall at once notify the athletic director of the next higher contest, sending names and eligibility certificates of the players.

7. *Officials.*—The athletic director in each contest shall provide a manager and the proper number of referees for such contests.

8. *Singles.*—By permission of the respective committees and by agreement among the contestants, the players who participate in the county or district contest in doubles may also hold a contest in singles. Also, the players who participate in the State contest in doubles, may, by arrangement with the State director of athletics, participate in a State contest in singles.

VIII.

TRACK AND FIELD EVENTS FOR GIRLS.

1. *List of Events.*—In the final county meeting of the League, the following shall be the official list of track and field events for girls, and they shall be held in the order as given herein, track events being held simultaneously with field events: (J for Junior, S for Senior.)

TRACK.

1. Potato race (J).
2. Potato race (S).
3. 30-yards dash (J).
4. 30-yards dash (S).
5. 140-yards relay (J).
6. 140-yards relay (S).

FIELD.

1. Basket ball throw for distance (S).
2. Standing broad jump (J).
3. Baseball throw for accuracy (S).
4. Basket ball throw for distance (J).
5. Baseball throw for accuracy (J).

2. *Points.*—In each event, including the relay, the first four places shall count, respectively, five, three, two, and one point, *except*: (a) if there are only four teams in the relay, third place shall count one point and fourth place shall not count; (b) if there are only three teams in any event, third place shall count one point.

3. *Number of Competitors.*—In the relay, there must be four members of each team, and only four. In each of the other events, each school may enter not over three competitors.

4. *Potato Race.*—Along a line 12 yards in length there shall be three 2 foot circles at intervals of 3 yards, the first circle being 3 yards from the starting line and the third circle being 3 yards from a basket or other receptacle placed at the opposite end of the 12-yard line from the starting line. Each contestant shall have her own row of circles and basket. At the signal, each contestant must run from the starting line to the basket and get one potato, placing it in circle No. 1, or the circle nearest the starting line. She shall next get another potato out of the basket and place it in the middle circle, and then get a third potato out of the basket and place it in the third circle. She must then race to the starting line, return, and pick up each potato and replace it in the basket in the order in which they were distributed, getting one potato at a time, and going around the basket each time she places a potato in it. She finishes in a dash across the starting line. Failure to go around the basket

as she places a potato in it is a foul and disqualifies unless the contestant goes back around the basket before continuing the race. If a potato is allowed to roll out of a circle it must be placed back in the circle before the contestant shall continue her race. Otherwise she is disqualified.

5. *30-yards Dash*.—This race shall be run according to the rules governing straightaway races given in No. 18 of "Track Rules" printed in this Bulletin.

6. *140-yards Relay*.—Each team shall have four runners, each runner going 35 yards. This relay shall be according to the rules for relay racing given in No. 30 of "Track Rules" printed in this Bulletin.

7. *Basket Ball Throw for Distance*.—Each competitor shall stand back of the throwing line and throw with one hand, and must not step over the line before, during, or after the throw. To step over the line or to throw with both hands, or to run and throw, constitutes a foul and shall count as a trial without result. The best of three trials shall stand as the record of each contestant. The throw shall be measured on a line from the throwing line at the point of the throw, to the nearest mark made by the ball on the ground. A regulation size basket ball shall be used.

8. *Baseball Throw for Accuracy*.—Each competitor shall stand back of the throwing line and, using only one hand, throw a regulation size baseball at a target 20 feet away consisting of a 6-inch circle plainly marked on a vertical board, the circle to be not less than 4 and not more than 6 feet from the ground. To run and throw, or use both hands, or to step over the line either before, during or after the throw, is a foul and shall count as a trial without result. The one hitting nearest the center of the circle on three trials shall win first place, the next second place, and so on. In case of a tie for first place, the throwing line shall be moved back 5 feet and three additional trials allowed for each competitor in the tie. If there is still a tie, the throwing line shall be moved back 5 feet more, and so on until the tie is broken. In case of a tie for any place except first place, the points shall be divided.

9. *Standing Broad Jump*.—The feet of the competitor shall leave the ground only once in making an attempt to jump.

When the feet are lifted from the ground twice or two springs are made in making an attempt, it shall count as a trial without result. The jump shall be made from a board sunk flush with the ground. The ground may be dug out to a depth of not over three inches immediately in front of the board. To touch the ground in front of the board with the toes or any other part of the body in making the jump, shall count as a trial without result. The jump shall be measured on a line from the take-off board at the place of the jump, to the nearest mark made by any part of the body or clothing of the competitor.

IX.

JUNIOR TRACK MEET FOR BOYS.

1. *In the County and District Only.*—No track meet for Juniors shall be held at the Annual State Meeting of the League, but at each annual county meeting there shall be a track meet for Junior boys (age limit 15. See No. 3 in Article II, page 8 of this Bulletin). There may also be a district track meet for Juniors where so arranged by the district executive committee.

2. *List of Events.*—In all Junior meets the official list of events, and the order in which they shall be held shall be as follows: (Track events, jumps and vaults, and weight events, should be held simultaneously.)

TRACK.

1. Potato race.
2. 50-yards dash.
3. 220-yards dash.
4. 100-yards dash.
5. 440-yards relay.

JUMPS AND VAULTS.

1. Running high jump.
2. Running broad jump.
3. Pole vault.
4. Running hop-step-jump.

WEIGHTS.

1. Putting 8-pound shot.
2. Baseball throw for distance.
3. Chinning the bar.
2. *Points*.—(See No. 2 under "Track and Field Events for Girls," page 14 of this bulletin.)
3. *Potato Race*.—Unless otherwise agreed to by the schools represented, this race shall be run according to the rules given in No. 4 of "Track and Field Events for Girls," on page 14 of this bulletin.
4. *50-yards, 100-yards, and 220-yards Dashes*.—(See rules for straightaway races in No. 18 of "Track Rules" in this bulletin.)
5. *440-yards Relay*.—Each team shall have four runners, each runner going 110 yards. For other rules, see No. 30 of "Track Rules" in this bulletin.
6. *Baseball Throw for Distance*.—A regulation baseball shall be used, and the ball shall be thrown from a 7-foot circle similar to the circle for throwing the discus, hammer, etc. Rules governing a fair throw, foul, etc., shall be the same as for the hammer. (See No. 28 of "Track Rules" in this bulletin.)
7. *8-pound Shot Put*.—(See No. 27 of "Track Rules" in this bulletin.)
8. *Chinning the Bar*.—The bar shall be not over 1½ inches in diameter, and shall be placed high enough for contestants to suspend themselves from it without touching the ground. A contestant shall pull himself up each time until his chin is clearly above the bar. He must let down completely each time, until his arms are straight. He must not rest his chin on the bar, nor swing or twist himself up. He must not rest between pulls, but must attempt another pull - up immediately after letting down each time. In case a competitor commits any of the fouls specified above, the number of pull-ups he had made up to the time the foul was committed shall be taken as his record for that trial. There shall be three judges of this event: one to keep a record of the trials of each competitor and call them in order; one to call fouls for failure to draw completely up or for resting chin on the bar; one to call fouls for resting between pull-ups, for swinging, etc.

X.

TRACK MEET FOR ACADEMIES, CLASS B AND CLASS A HIGH SCHOOLS.

1. *State Meet, and County and District Meets.*—The rules in this Article shall be observed in the Final State Track Meet held at the University of Texas on the first Friday and Saturday after the first Monday in May. So far as they may be applied to county meets and to district meets (where the latter are held), they shall also be observed in the county and district meets.

2. *Academy Meet.*—The State meet for Academies shall be held on the afternoon of Friday. The events and the order of same shall be as given for Class A High Schools.

3. *Points.*—In all track meets held by this League, the first four places in each event including the relay shall count, respectively, five, three, two, and one point, *except*, (a) if only four teams are in the finals in the relay, third place shall count one point, and fourth place shall not count at all; (b) if only three men are allowed to qualify for the finals in a given event, third place in that event shall count only one point.

4. *Events.*—The events, with the order in which they shall be held, for the Final State Meet, shall be as follows:

CLASS A HIGH SCHOOL AND ACADEMY DIVISIONS.

TRACK.

1. 120-yards low hurdle.
2. 100-yards dash.
3. One-mile run.
4. 220-yards low hurdle.
5. 440-yards dash.
6. 220-yards dash.
7. 880-yards run.
8. One-mile relay.

JUMPS AND VAULTS.

1. Running broad jump.
2. Running high jump.
3. Pole vault.

WEIGHTS.

1. 12-lb. shot put.
2. 12-lb. hammer throw.
3. 4½-lb. discus throw.

CLASS B HIGH SCHOOL DIVISION.

TRACK.

1. 120-yards hurdle.
2. 100-yards dash.
3. One-mile run.
4. 50-yards dash.
5. 220-yards dash.
6. 880-yards run.
7. One-mile relay.

JUMPS AND VAULTS.

1. Running broad jump.
2. Running high jump.
3. Pole vault.

WEIGHTS.

1. 4½-lb. discus throw.
2. 12-lb. shot put.

5. *Preliminaries and Finals.*—The preliminaries of the Final State Meet, and also such semi-finals as may be necessary, shall be held on Friday. The finals for Academies shall be held on the afternoon of Friday, and the finals for Class A and Class B High Schools on the afternoon of Saturday.

6. No change shall be made in the order of events as printed herein within one month of the date of the meet.

7. *Representation to Final Meet.*—Any school in the League may send a team of not over eight men to the final meet, but rebate on railroad fare shall be allowed only to those who qualify under Rule 3 of Article III, page 9 of this bulletin.

8. *Number in Each Event.*—Each school shall be allowed not over three men in each event excepting the relay, which requires four men.

9. *Number of Events One Man May Enter.*—No contestant

shall be allowed to compete in more than four running events including the relay, and in not over five events all together.

10. *Eligibility.*—In all track meets held by this League, the the eligibility rules as laid down in Article I of this bulletin shall be strictly observed.

11. *Entries for Final Meet.*—At least ten days before the first day of the final meet, each school desiring to compete in said final meet shall send to the Director of Interscholastic Athletics, University, Austin, by registered mail, a list of entries, showing each event for which each man is entered, and accompanying such list with an entry fee of 25 cents for each event in which each man is entered. This list shall be signed by the principal or other acting head of the school, and shall be on the official entry form furnished by the State Director of Interscholastic Athletics. This form shall contain a certification by the principal or other acting head of the school, that each man so entered is eligible to compete under the rules of eligibility in Article VII of the Constitution of the League.

12. *Closing of Entries.*—*Absolutely no entries shall be allowed for said final meet which are not mailed to the Director on or before the tenth day before the first day of the meet.*

13. *No Change in Entries Allowed.*—No changes in the entry lists as sent in as per Rule 11 above shall be allowed, except that a man may be substituted for another in an event, provided the substitute is otherwise eligible.

14. *Must Qualify in Preliminaries.*—No contestant shall be allowed to compete in the finals in any event who did not compete in the preliminaries and semi-finals of that event. This rule applies to the relay as well as to other events.

15. *Must Be on Hand at Time Announced.*—The Manager of the Meet shall see that the preliminaries and the finals start at the time announced for them. No excuse shall be accepted for failure of a team or contestant to appear at the time announced for the meet to start, and any contestant who fails for any reason to be on hand at the time of the preliminaries shall forfeit his right to compete either in the preliminaries or the finals.

(*Explanation.*—Unavoidable delay on account of late trains is thought by some to be a valid excuse for allowing a man to enter the finals without competing in the preliminaries. But

this would not be fair to the other contestants, hence cannot be allowed. Teams from distant points are urged to start early enough to arrive on time, even allowing for late trains.)

16. *Withdrawals.*—No entry fees shall be returned for any withdrawals from events unless the Director receives notice of such withdrawals at least five days before the meet.

17. *Officials.*—The University Director of Interscholastic Athletics shall have general charge of the final meet, and the county and district athletic directors shall have charge of the county and district meets, respectively. It shall be the duty of such directors to provide officials, secure entries, arrange programs, and attend to such other matters as may be required for the proper conduct of the meet.

(b) Each meet shall be under the direction of: The Director of athletics, one referee, two or more inspectors, three or more field judges, four or more judges of the finish, three or more time-keepers, one starter, one clerk of the course, one scorer, one clerk of the field, one marshal, and one announcer, and such assistants to these officials as may be necessary.

18. *Protests.*—All protests shall be made to the Director within 24 hours after the meet. A protest must be accompanied or followed promptly with a statement of evidence. The Director shall decide a protest within 24 hours if possible, and in any case within one week.

19. *Coaches Not Allowed on Field.*—At the Final State Meet no coach or other representative of a team shall be allowed on the field. The Director shall provide a tent or other inclosure where the coaches may look after the needs of the contestants.

20. *Rules for the Different Events.*—The rules governing officials and the different events shall be those given in the succeeding article in this bulletin, entitled "Track Rules."

(NOTE.—All coaches and managers, and also contestants, are urged to familiarize themselves with the rules.)

21. *Certification for Rebate.*—The principal of each school having one or more men to qualify for rebate under the provisions of Rule 3 in Article III (p. 9) of this bulletin shall notify the State director of interscholastic athletics of this fact immediately after such contestants have qualified for rebate.

XI.

TRACK RULES.

(NOTE.—In some cases a rule given in this Article will be found elsewhere in this bulletin, but for the sake of clearness is repeated here.)

The rules herein shall be observed in all meets held under the auspices of this League, whether county, district, or State meet.

1. *Points*.—In each event, including the relay, the first four places shall count, respectively, five, three, two, and one point, except: (a) If there are only four teams in the finals in the relay, third place shall count one point and fourth place shall not count; (b) If there are only three men in the finals in any event, third place shall count one point.

2. *Number of Trials*.—In all field events, each competitor shall be allowed three trials, and his best trial shall count as his record.

3. *Record*.—In a field event, a competitor may not count his record made in the preliminaries for placing in the finals, but if the one winning first place in the finals made a better record in the preliminaries than in the finals, the record made in the preliminaries shall count as his record for the meet.

4. *Ties*.—In case two or more competitors run a dead heat for any of the first four places of a track event, or tie in a field event, after the prescribed number of trials, the points shall be divided equally among such tying competitors and the medal shall be awarded by lot.

5. *Referee*.—The referee shall decide all questions relating to the actual conduct of the meet whose settlement is not otherwise provided for in these rules. His decision shall be final. In case heats have been drawn and no more contestants appear than enough to make one heat, the referee shall be empowered to see that the race is run in one heat. He shall have power to add to or alter the announced arrangements of heats in any event, but he shall have no power, after heats have been duly drawn and published in a program, to transfer a contestant from one heat to another.

6. *Inspectors*.—The inspectors shall stand at such points as

the referee designates; shall watch the competition closely, and in case of a foul shall report to the referee. An inspector has no authority to make a decision.

7. *Judges at the Finish.*—The judges at the finish shall stand, two at one end of the tape and two at the other. One shall pick the winner, another the second man, another the third, another the fourth. In case of disagreement, the majority shall decide. Their decision as to the order in which the men finish shall be final.

8. *Field Judges or Measurers.*—The field judges shall measure, judge and record the distance or height made by each competitor in each trial in each event. Their decision as to the performance of each man shall be final.

There shall be three officials in charge of each field event. They shall be responsible for commencing their respective events and for their continuance without unnecessary delays. They shall excuse a contestant from a field event in which he is taking part for a period long enough to contest in another event, and shall allow said contestant to take his missed turn or turns in said field event within a reasonable time after he has competed in the other event. To the end that there be no unnecessary delay, each competitor shall take his trial or turn when called upon to do so by the field judge having charge of the contest; and if, in the opinion of such field judge, the competitor unreasonably delays to do so, such judge may, in his discretion, forfeit such trial and have the same tallied against such competitor as one miss or failure.

9. *Timekeepers.*—There shall be three timekeepers for each track event. In case two watches agree and the third disagrees, the time marked by the two shall be official. If there be but two watches and they disagree, the slowest time recorded shall be official. If the three watches disagree, the time marked by the watch giving the middle time shall be official. Time shall be taken from the flash of the pistol. Three watches must record the time on an event for a record.

10. *Clerk of the Course.*—The clerk of the course shall be provided with the names and numbers of all entered competitors and shall notify them at least five minutes before the start of each event in which they are entered. He shall be responsi-

ble for getting the contestants out at the proper time for each event. He shall place the men in their positions on the track according to their drawings, and shall notify the starter should any attempt to advance beyond his mark after the starter has warned them to "get ready." He shall assign such duties to his assistants as he may see fit.

11. *Scorer*.—The scorer shall record the order in which each competitor finishes his event, together with the time furnished by the timekeepers. He shall control his assistants and assign such duties to them as he may see fit. He shall keep a tally of the laps made by each competitor and call them aloud for the benefit of the contestants. He shall notify the starter before the beginning of the last lap in a distance race, at which time a signal by bell or pistol shot shall be given the competitors.

12. *Starter*.—The starter shall have entire control of the competitors at their marks, except as above provided for in the duties of the clerk of the course, and shall be the sole judge of fact as to whether any man has gone over his mark. He shall be responsible for starting the track events promptly after the men have been given their places by the clerk of the course. He shall also be responsible for any unnecessary delay in the continuance of said events. He shall give a signal by pistol shot or bell at the beginning of the last lap in distance events. The method of starting shall be by pistol report. An actual start shall not be made until the pistol has been purposely discharged after the competitors have been warned to get ready. When any part of the person of a competitor shall touch the ground in front of his mark before the starting signal is given, it shall be considered a false start.

Penalties for false starting shall be inflicted by the starter as follows: In races of not over 125 yards, the competitor shall be put back one yard for the first and another for the second attempt; in races over 125 yards but not over 300 yards, two yards for the first and two more for the second attempt; in races over 300 yards but not over 600 yards, three yards for the first and three more for the second attempt; in races over 600 yards but not over 1000 yards, four yards for the first and four more for the second attempt; in races over 1000 yards but not over one mile, five yards for the first and five more for the

second attempt; in races over one mile, ten yards for the first and ten more for the second attempt. In all cases the third false start shall disqualify the offender in that event. The starter shall warn the competitors of the above penalties before ordering the start. He shall rule out of that event any competitor who attempts to advance himself from his mark after the starter has given the warning to "get ready." In case of an unfair start, the starter may recall the competitors by a second pistol shot. Stations or positions on the track count from the inside.

13. *Marshall*.—The marshal shall have full police charge of the inclosure, and shall prevent any but officials and actual competitors from entering or remaining therein. He shall control his assistants and assign them to such duties as he thinks proper.

NOTE.—No coaches or other representatives of a team shall be allowed on the field.

14. *Competitors*.—Competitors shall report to the clerk of the course immediately upon arriving at the place of meeting, and shall be provided by that official with their proper numbers, which must be worn conspicuously by the competitors when competing, and without which they shall not be allowed to start. Each competitor shall inform himself of the time of starting, and shall be promptly at the starting point of each event in which he is entered, and there report to the clerk of the course. Under no condition shall any attendants be allowed to accompany competitors at the start or during any event except in match races, where special agreement may be made.

If, during any athletic contest under the rules of this League, a competitor shall conduct himself in a manner unbecoming a gentleman, or offensive to the officials, spectators, or competitors, the referee shall have the power to disqualify him from further competition at the meeting; and if he thinks the offense worthy of additional punishment, he shall make a detailed statement of the facts to the State Executive Committee.

15. *Fouling*.—Any competitor may be disqualified by the referee for jostling, running across, or in any way impeding another, and all of the competitors representing a team may be disqualified in that event by the act of any one of such competitors in jostling, running across or in any way impeding an-

other. In case of fouling in any but the final heat of a race, the referee shall have the power of ordering a new race between such of the competitors as he thinks entitled to such privilege.

16. *Protests.*—Protests against any entered competitor may be made verbally or in writing to the Director before the meeting, or to the referee during the meeting. If possible, the Director or referee shall decide such protests at once. If the nature of the protest or the necessity of obtaining testimony prevents an immediate decision, the competitor shall be allowed to compete under protest, and the protest shall be decided by the Director within one week, unless its subject be the amateur standing of the competitor, in which case the Director must report on such protest within forty-eight hours to the protested and protesting members.

17. *Track Measurement.*—All distances run shall be measured upon a line eighteen inches outward from the inner edge of the track, except that in races on straightaway tracks the distance shall be measured in a direct line from the starting mark to the finishing line.

18. *The Course.*—Each competitor shall keep in his respective position from start to finish in all races on straightaway tracks, and in all races with one or more turns he shall not cross to the inner edge of the track, except when he is at least six feet in advance of his nearest competitor. After turning the last corner into the straight in any race, each competitor must keep a straight course to the finish line, and not cross either to the outside or the inside, in front of any of his opponents.

In all championship races of this League, at any distance under and including 300 yards, each competitor shall have a separate course, properly marked, roped, or staked, and measured, whether the race be run on a straight path or around one or more curves. The referee shall disqualify from that event any competitor who wilfully pushes against, impedes, crosses the course of, or in any way interferes with another competitor. The referee shall disqualify from further participation in the events any contestants attempting in any way to impede the chances of another competitor, either in a trial or a final contest.

19. *The Finish.*—The finish of the course shall be represented by a line between two finishing posts, drawn across and at right

angles to the sides of the track, and four feet above which line shall be placed a tape attached at either end to the finishing posts. A finish shall be counted when all of the winner's body shall have crossed the finish line. The order of finishing for second or third places, and so on, shall be decided in the same manner.

20. *Hurdles*.—In the 120-yard hurdle race, ten hurdles shall be used, each hurdle to be two feet six inches high. They shall be placed ten yards apart, with the first hurdle fifteen yards distant from the starting point, and the last hurdle fifteen yards before the finishing line. In the 220-yard hurdle race, ten hurdles shall be used, each hurdle to be two feet six inches high. They shall be placed twenty yards apart; with the first hurdle twenty yards distant from the starting mark, and the last hurdle twenty yards before the finishing line. If a competitor knocks down three or more of the hurdles he shall be disqualified in that event. In making a record it shall be necessary for the competitor to jump over every hurdle in its proper position. Each competitor shall have separate hurdles and a separate course marked out and measured independently, whether races are run straightaway or with turns. The bases of each hurdle shall be not less than 18 inches wide.

21. *Running High Jump and Pole Vault*.—The jump and the vault shall be made over a bar resting on pins projecting at right angles not more than three inches from the uprights. The bar shall be placed at right angles to the path. The height of the bar at starting and at each successive elevation shall be determined by the officials in charge of the event. Three trials shall be allowed at each height. Each competitor shall make one attempt in the order of his name on the program; then those who have failed (if any) shall have a second trial in regular order. A competitor may omit his trials at any height, but if he fails at the next height he shall not be allowed to go back and try the height he omitted. Each competitor shall be credited with the best of all his jumps or vaults.

22. *High Jump*.—A line to be known as the balk line shall be drawn three feet in front of the bar and parallel therewith, and stepping over this line, in an attempt, shall count as a balk. Two balks shall count as a trial. Displacing the bar shall count

as a trial. Diving, somersault, or the use of handspring in jumping shall count as a trial.

23. *Pole Vault*.—A line shall be drawn 15 feet in front of the bar and parallel thereto, to be known as the balk line, and stepping over such line in any attempt shall be a balk. Two balks shall count as a trial. Leaving the ground in an attempt shall be a trial. Displacing the bar shall be a trial. The poles shall have no assisting devices, except that they may be wound or wrapped with any substance for the purpose of affording a firmer grasp and may have one spike at the lower end. Poles shall be unlimited as to size and weight. No competitor shall, during his trial, raise the hand which was uppermost when he left the ground to a higher point on the pole, nor shall he raise the hand which was undermost to a point above the other hand. A competitor shall be allowed to dig a hole not more than one foot in diameter at the take-off, in which to plant his pole. Poles shall be furnished by the director, but any competitor shall be allowed to use his private pole if he so desires.

24. *Running Broad Jump*.—The competitors shall have unlimited run, but shall jump from on or behind the scratch line, which shall be a joist eight inches wide set level with the ground. Stepping over the scratch line in an attempt so as to mark the earth shall be no jump but shall count as a trial. A line shall be drawn six feet in front of the scratch line, and stepping over this line in an attempt shall count as a balk, and two balks shall count as a trial. The jump shall be measured from the outer edge of the joist to the nearest break in the ground made by any part of the jumper's person.

25. *Running Hop, Step, and Jump*.—This shall be from a joist eight inches wide sunk flush with the earth. The measurement shall be to the nearest break in the ground made by any part of the person of the competitor, after having first hopped, then stepped, then jumped. A foul shall be where the competitor in hopping, stepping, or jumping, makes a mark on the ground immediately in front of either the scratch line or the spot where he first touched the ground after hopping or stepping. Each foul shall count as a trial without result.

26. *Putting Shot, Throwing Baseball, Hammer, and Discus*.—Each put or throw shall be made from a circle 7 feet in diameter,

which may have a toe board not over 4 inches high nor over 4 feet long on the circumference. Fouls, which shall not be measured but shall count as a trial, are as follows.

1. Letting go of the shot, baseball or hammer in an attempt.
2. Touching the ground outside the circle with any portion of the body while the shot, baseball, discus, or hammer, is in the hand.
3. Touching the ground forward of the front half of the circle with any portion of the body before the put or throw is measured.

The competitor shall leave the circle by its rear half, which shall be the half opposite the half occupied by the competitor in making the attempt. Each put or throw shall be measured from the nearest edge of the first mark made by the shot, baseball, hammer, or discus, to the point of the circumference of the circle nearest such mark.

27. *Putting the Shot*.—The shot shall be a metal sphere with a covering of any material, and the combined weight for championship contests shall be twelve (12) pounds, except that for the Junior Division it shall weigh 8 pounds.

The shot shall be "put" with one hand, and in making the attempt it shall be above and not behind the shoulder. A fair put shall be one in which no part of the person of the competitor touches the top of the stop-board, or the ground outside of the circle, and the competitor leaves the circle by its rear half, which shall be the half directly opposite the stop-board.

28. *Throwing the Hammer*.—The head and handle may be of any size, shape, and material, provided that the length of the complete implement shall not be more than four feet and its weight not less than twelve pounds. The competitor may use any position he chooses, and use either one or both hands.

29. *Throwing the Discus*.—The discus shall be of smooth, hard substance without finger holes, weighted in center with lead discs, with steel ring on the outside. The weight of the discus shall be four and one-half ($4\frac{1}{2}$) pounds; outside diameter, eight (8) inches; thickness in center, two (2) inches.

30. *One-Mile, 440-yards, and 140-yards Relay Races*.—Relays shall be run by teams of four men each. Each contestant shall run one-fourth of the total distance of the relay. Each man of

a team shall run until he touches the next member of his team standing in position on his mark or until he crosses the finishing line. The first men shall be started by a pistol shot and each succeeding man shall start from a stand on his mark, but only when touched by the member of his team immediately preceding him.

31. *Authority in Case of Doubt.*—In all cases not covered by the rules in this bulletin, the rules of the Intercollegiate Association of Amateur Athletes of America shall govern.

OFFICIAL CONTRACT FORM FOR ATHLETIC GAMES BETWEEN MEMBERS OF THE UNIVERSITY INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE.

....., Texas,.....

We, the undersigned, to wit:....., Faculty representative of the.....School, to be designated in this contract as Party of the First Part. and.....Faculty representative of the.....School, to be designated in this contract as Party of the Second Part, do mutually agree to cause the.....teams of our respective schools to meet at....., Texas, on , 191....., and then and there to engage in a game of....., under the conditions specified below:

1. The game to be played under the eligibility rules of the University Interscholastic League, and under such other rules of said League as are given for the playing of said game.

2. A list of players to be used by each team, with eligibility certified to by the respective principals, to be exchanged in advance of said game.

3. Party of the First Part to provide a ground, suitably equipped, for the playing of said game.

4. (Mark out either (a) or (b)). (a) Party of the First Part to provide suitable lodging and meals, free of charge, for members of the team of Party of the Second Part, for such time as it may be necessary for said team to be in..... on account of said game, and also to pay to Party of the Second Part a sum sufficient to cover railroad and other transportation fare of.....men from..... to..... and return.

(b) Party of the First Part to pay to Party of the Second Part the sum of.....dollars (\$.....), on condition that Party of the First Part shall not be liable for the expenses of the team of Party of the Second Part as specified in No. (a) above.

5. Immediately after the completion of said game, a business

settlement as per the terms of this contract, to be made at the gate office, or other place designated by Party of the First Part.

6. Should either team fail to appear at the time and place specified above for said game, for other reason than unavoidable delay, or refuse, for any reason, to continue said game until its completion after it has been begun, or fail to observe any other part of this contract, the Party to this contract representing said team so offending shall pay to the Party of the other part the sum of.....dollars (\$.....).

7. Party of the First Part shall make suitable provision for controlling the spectators at said game and shall use every effort to prevent any interference with the game or with the team of Party of the Second Part during said game.

8. Officials for said game, as provided for in the rules of the Interscholastic League, to be agreed upon, one week or as near thereto as possible, in advance of said game.

Signed:

For Party of the First Part,.....,
Representing School.

For Party of the Second Part,.....,
Representing School.

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